IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (currently amended) A friction vibration damper for damping the vibrations of a vibrating component comprising a body [[,]] defining a chamber, the chamber being partially filled with ~~and~~ a plurality of ~~elements~~ particles to at least 90% fill such that the particles are able to move relative to one another, ~~the body defines the chamber which is partially filled with the plurality of elements,~~ the friction vibration damper, in use, disposed on or in the vibrating component ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the friction vibration damper comprises means ~~is configured~~ to substantially prevent the ~~elements~~ particles operationally moving in a convection-like flow pattern.

Claims 2-8 are cancelled.

9. (currently amended) A friction vibration damper for a vibrating component as claimed in claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the body comprises a baffle, the baffle is disposed within the chamber to substantially prevent the elements operationally moving in a convection-like flow pattern.

10. (currently amended) A friction vibration damper for a vibrating component as claimed in claim 9 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the baffle extends across the chamber.

11. (currently amended) A friction vibration damper for a vibrating component as claimed in claim 9 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the baffle comprises a mesh structure.

Claims 12-~~32~~ are cancelled.